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SUBJECT: 30TH GA; SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES USUN'S CONTINUING REPORTS RE SOUTH AFRICAN INTENTIONS AND AFRICAN THINKING WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION. WE WOULD BE GLAD TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SALIM'S THINKING BUT WE DON'T WANT TO ASK HIM THE NECESSARY QUESTIONS. OTHER FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS WILL, WE BELIEVE, HAVE INCENTIVES FOR FOLLOWING UP WITH SALIM.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN EVENT SOUTH AFRICANS DO DECIDE PARTICIPATE IN GA, RETURN TO PRACTICE OF CREDENTIALS
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COMMITTEE REPORTS LATE IN THE SESSION MAY PROVE DESIRABLE,

WE DO NOT WISH TO GET IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS ISSUE AND DOUBT WHETHER IN FINAL ANALYSIS AFRICANS WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR VIEWS. WE DO NOT, FURTHERMORE, WISH TO GIVE SAG ADVICE (OR INDICATE TO OTHERS THAT WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEM ADVICE) ON HOW THEY SHOULD ACT RE PARTICIPATION OR NON-PARTICIPATION IN GA.

3. WE PARTICULARLY WISH TO AVOID URGING THEM IN ANY WAY TO RESTRICT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN GA. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES DO WE WISH TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY COMPROMISE PROPOSAL WHICH PUTS LIMITS ON THE EXERCISE BY ANY UN MEMBER OF ITS RIGHTS. WE ARE ALSO VERY WARY OF SALIM'S IDEA OF HAVING NO PRESIDENTIAL RULING AS THIS COULD ALLOW BOUTEFELIKA'S RULING TO BECOME ESTABLISHED AS UNCONTESTED PRECEDENT (IN SAME WAY AS LACK OF RULING BY PRES. TREPCZYNSKI IN 1973 CONFIRMED PREVIOUS HAMBRO RULINGS). WE WOULD MUCH PREFER A REVERSAL OR MODIFICATION BY THORN OF BOUTEFELIKA'S RULING AND BELIEVE THORN MIGHT BE AGREEABLE.

4. USUN SHOULD, ACCORDINGLY, AVOID TAKING ANY INITIATIVE IN DISCUSSING SOUTH AFRICAN CREDENTIALS WITH SALIM OR OTHER AFRICANS. IF, HOWEVER, USUN IS APPROACHED AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, WE MUST OPPOSE ANY ACTIONS WHICH WOULD LIMIT PARTICIPATION OF ANY STATE IN UN EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHARTER. KISSINGER

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